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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Secretary of State
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We have reviewed the Crimmins-Carpenter report on "The Performance of the Department of State and the American Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana in the People's Temple Case."

In particular, we have noted recommendation F at page 101 of the report, that the Department

> "immediately increase the staff of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Consular Affairs (L/CA) in order to provide more effective support for the Bureau of Consular Affairs."

The report does not mention that on the Monday following the Jonestown incident a number of attorney advisers were placed in the Office of Citizens Consular Services of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA/OCS/CCS). These attorneys were detailed from the Passport Office in connection with the Bureau's reorganization. Several attorneys were immediately assigned to work on legal issues and negotiations connected with the Jonestown incident.

It is unclear whether the drafters of the report were aware of the legal capability now present in CA/OCS. We believe this factor should be taken into account when consideration is given to the implementation of recommendation F. It appears that several options are available to the Department to implement this recommendation. These include continuing to utilize the attorney advisers now assigned to CA/OCS/CCS or reassignment of several or all of these attorney advisers to L/CA.

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For your information, we have enclosed copies of several letters to Deputy Under Secretary Ben Read on the question of placement of attorney advisers in the Bureau of Consular Affairs rather than in the Office of the Legal Adviser.

We would be happy to pursue this matter as you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

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